

June 17, 2008

Mr. Jac Capp  
Air Permitting Branch  
Environment Protection Division  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Atlanta, GA

Dear Mr. Capp,

I am writing in reference to the Power4Georgians (P4G) air quality permit application # 17924. I have read the "Prevention of Significant Deterioration Air Permit Application". While I do not have a science or engineering background and cannot assess the myriad tables and formulas in this report, I am able to read the narrative portion of this report. There are two assertions in the modeling process with which I have concerns.

The first of these is on page 229 in reference to the Class II visibility analysis. The report states that they "did not find any state or federal parks . . . within 50 km of the site". As anyone in Washington County can tell you, Hamburg State Park is located in this area. A Mapquest search indicates that the distance from Hamburg to the plant site is less than 18 miles (less than 29 km) by road. Since air and visibility are not constrained by the circuitous roadway, the actual distance would be less than this. An analysis for Hamburg should be considered as well as an evaluation of the impact on the 225-acre public lake there which may also be affected by Mercury emissions and groundwater withdrawals. If P4G could not find that a 741 acre state park existed within the 50 km radius of the plant, I wonder how closely they studied this area and how accurately they can evaluate the plant's impact on Washington County and its surrounding area.

Also, on page 187 of this report, P4G asserts that they "will be closing Mayview Road ", and therefore no modeling evaluation for the roadway is being done. To support this assertion, the report references a letter from the Washington County Board of Commissioners included on page 43 of the attached Exhibit C. In fact, this letter is written by Horace Daniel, who resigned as chairman of the Board of Commissioners soon after writing this letter. The letter does not indicate the support of the Commission as a whole for this road closing or the support of the neighboring residents. I have read the official minutes of the Board of Commissioners for the period from October, 2007, until March, 2008 and have found no record of a resolution or even discussion to authorize this letter. Based on this, I do not think that this letter has any merit in supporting any action for closing this road. From the information provided in this application, the statement that the road will be closed appears to me to be based on supposition rather than fact.

In conclusion, I would ask that the EPD carefully assess the accuracy of this permit application. A permit for this plant will have a long-term impact on the health and well-being of the citizens of Washington County, our children and our grandchildren. Such a determination must be based on *verifiable facts, not inaccuracies and assumptions*. While some might urge you to speed this process before more stringent environmental regulations can be enacted, I urge you to devote much time and study to insure that the permitting process is based on accurate and complete information. We in Washington County depend on your expertise and professional judgement to protect us. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. I trust that the EPD will examine all the information in this application with due diligence.

Sincerely,

Cathy Mayberry  
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